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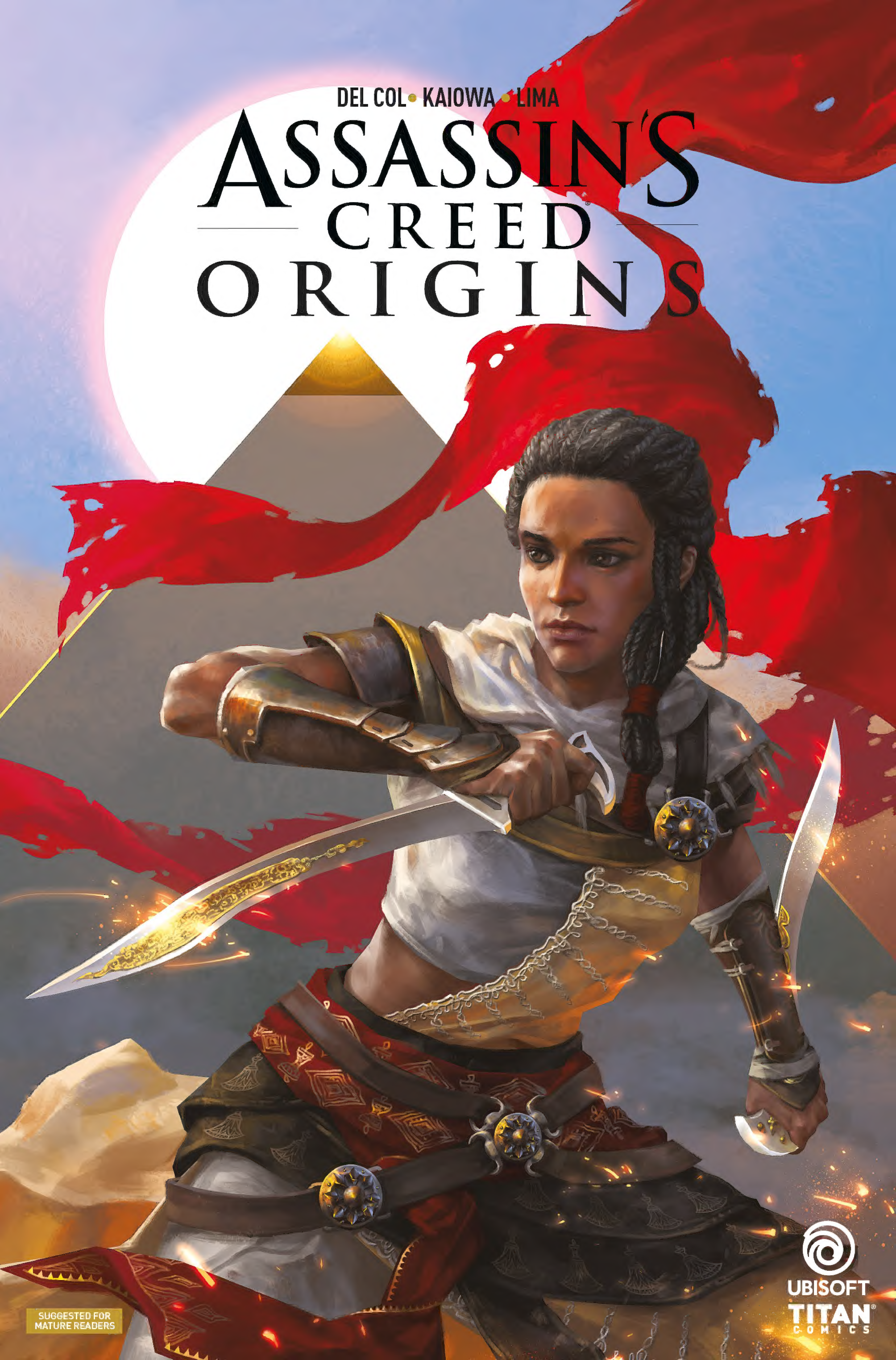
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Egypt – the turbulent final years of the Ptolemaic period.

Succeeding in their mission of vengeance, Bayek of Siwa and his wife Aya eliminated those responsible for the death of their son. But their quest for retribution led them to uncover the secretive Order of the Ancients, and its plans to control all of Egypt – and beyond.

Aware of the magnitude of the threat the Order poses towards the freedom of all people, Bayek and Aya parted ways to dedicate their lives towards building a brotherhood to resist the power of the Order. Known as the Hidden Ones, they work from the shadows to assassinate those who would seek to control the free will of the people.

With the city of Rome as her new base of operations, Aya has already enlisted the help of a number of like-minded individuals to set her sights on a new target: the increasingly power-hungry dictator Julius Caesar...

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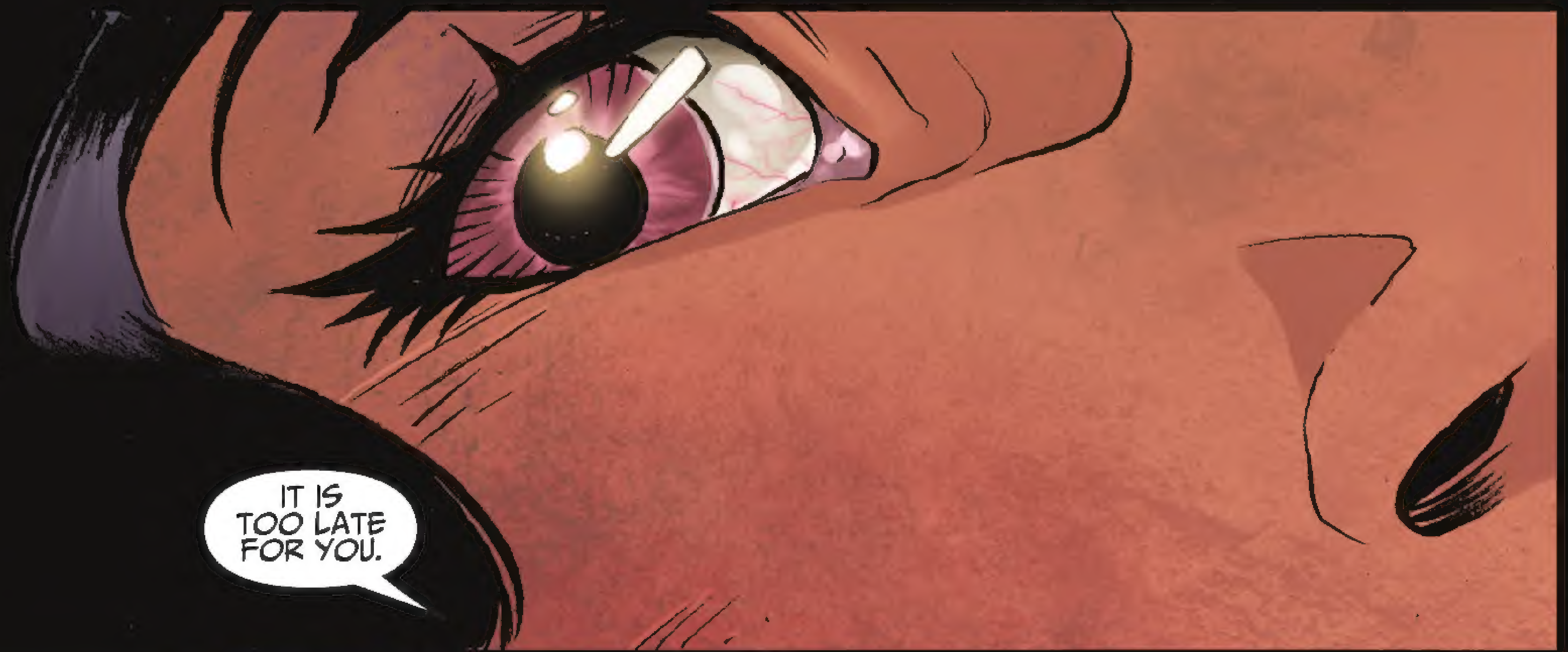
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IT IS
TOO LATE
FOR YOU.



OCTAVIAN
AND HIS ARMY
WILL BE HERE
IN A DAY. YOU
WILL DIE.

NO, YOU
WILL DIE.



YOU DARE
LAUGH?

I WAS
ONCE TOLD
THAT ECHOING
A THREAT IS
A SIGN OF
WEAKNESS.



WHO IS THE
WEAK ONE? WOULD
IT NOT BE THE ONE
WITH A KNIFE TO
HER THROAT?

UNLIKE YOU,
CLEOPATRA,
I ACCEPT MY
FATE.

THEN
LET YOUR
FATE BE.

KILL
HER.

YES, MY
PHARAOH.

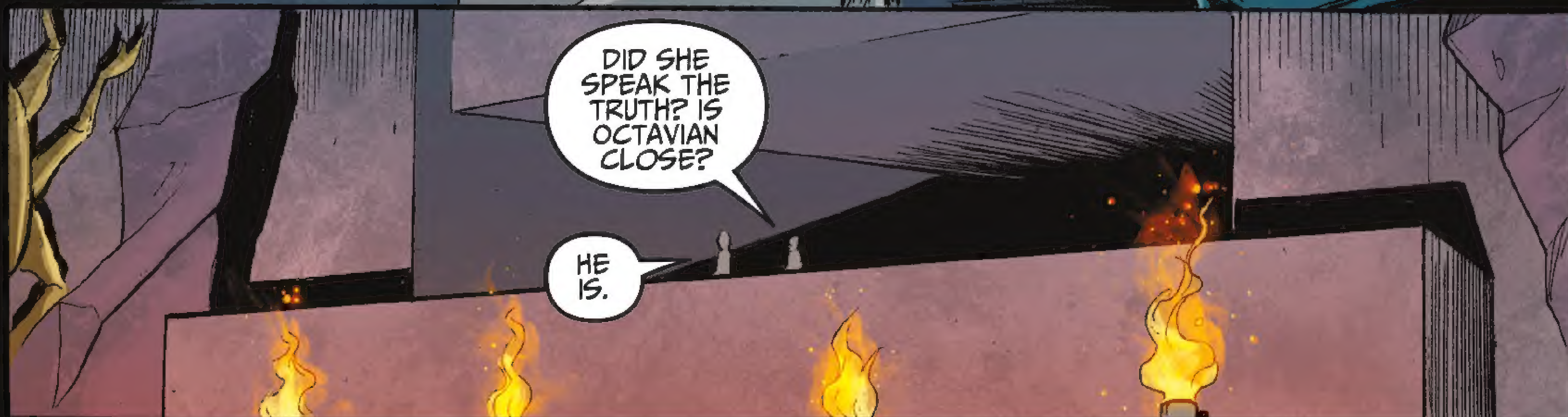
Alexandria, Egypt. 30 B.C.



SEND HER
HEAD TO OCTAVIAN
AND HIS MEN.



THEY WILL
KNOW I WILL
NOT GIVE
UP.



DID SHE
SPEAK THE
TRUTH? IS
OCTAVIAN
CLOSE?

HE
IS.



BUT... SHE
WAS SO BRAVE.
SHE MUST HAVE
KNOWN YOU WOULD
KILL HER AND YET
SHE STILL -

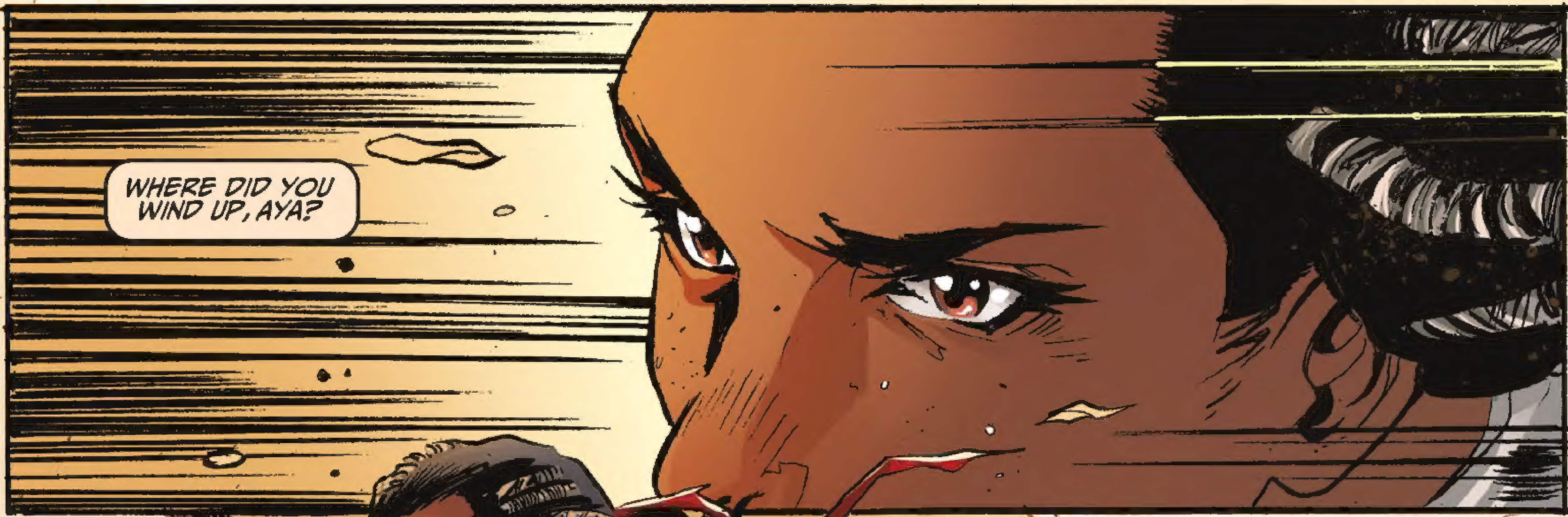


SHE
REMINDS ME
OF ONE I ONCE
KNEW. ONE I
RESPECTED.



SHE TOO
CHALLENGED
ME.

I OFTEN
WONDER WHAT
HAPPENED
TO HER.



WHERE DID YOU
WIND UP, AYA?

Rome, 44 B.C.
Fourteen years earlier.




HE'S
OVER
THERE.


I NOW
KNOW MOST
OF THE CITY.

THANKS TO
BRUTUS.

WITHOUT HIM I WOULD
NOT HAVE SURVIVED
THE JOURNEY HERE.



WOULD NOT HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO
KILL SEPTIMIUS.



AND WOULD NOT BE
CLOSE TO ENDING
CAESAR'S MADNESS.



HAS CAESAR NOT ELEVATED ROME?

WON IMPOSSIBLE VICTORIES FOR IT?

THAT IS MAGNUS, BRUTUS?

AYE. THE SNAKE MANIPULATING THE SENATE FOR CAESAR.



THEN THESE SHALL BE HIS LAST WORDS.



PATIENCE, AYA. HE IS A ROMAN ORATOR. HE WILL PRESENT THE PERFECT TIME TO MAKE OUR POINT.

HE IS WRONG.



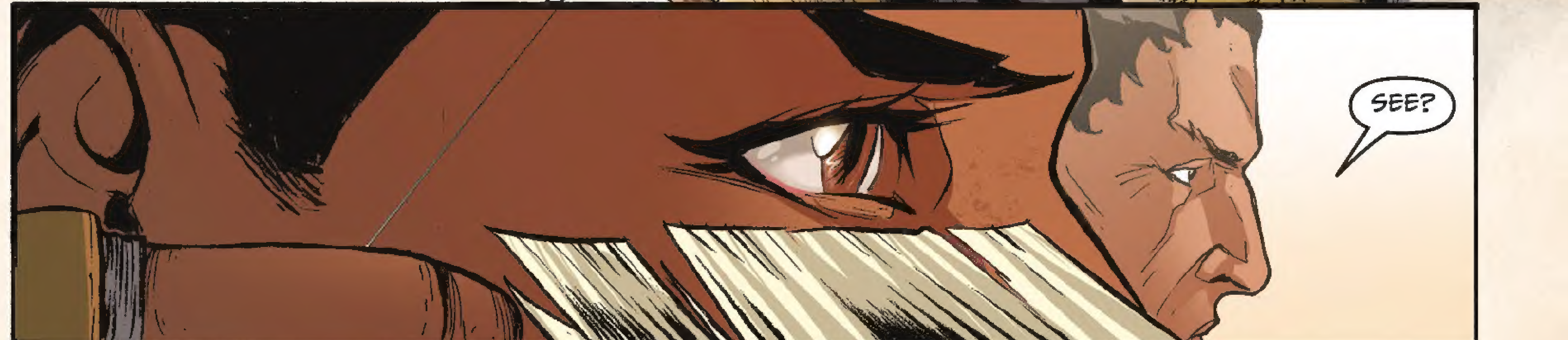
THIS IS MY ARROW.

IS IT NOT TIME FOR CAESAR TO BE DICTATOR FOR LIFE?



MY TARGET. MY -

IF I AM WRONG THEN SILENCE MY TONGUE NOW.

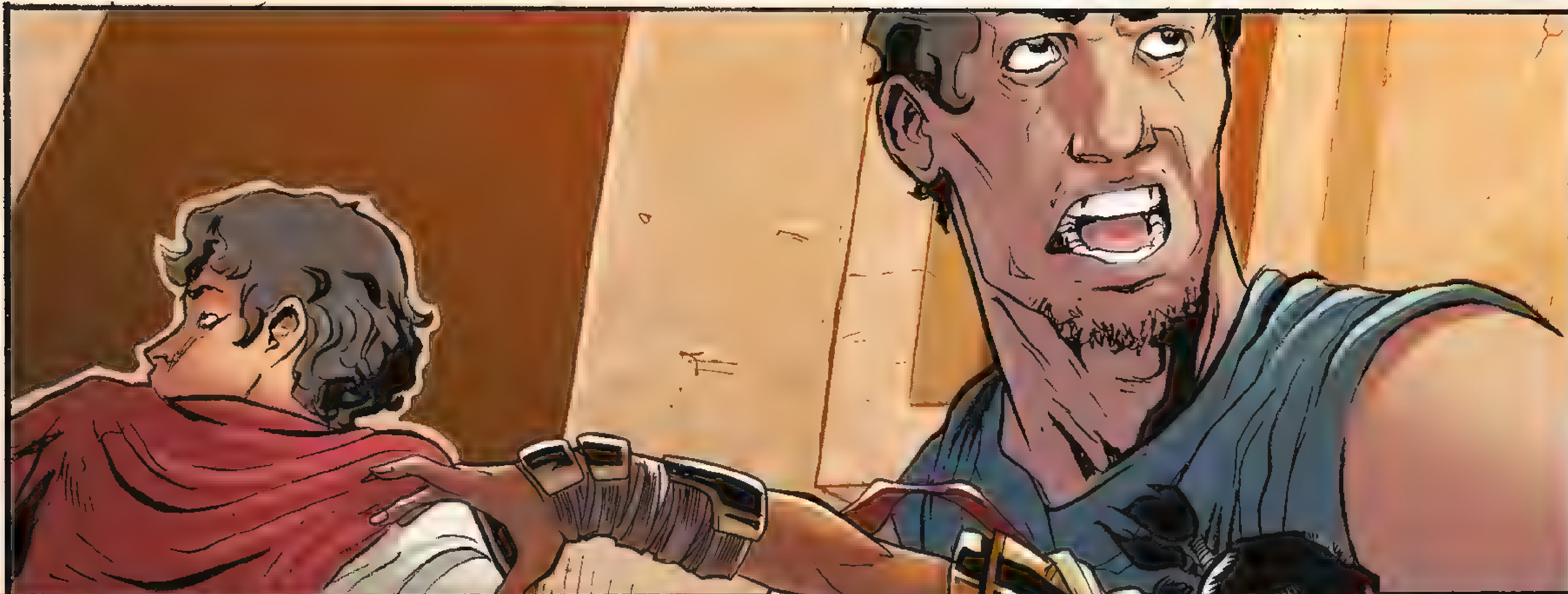
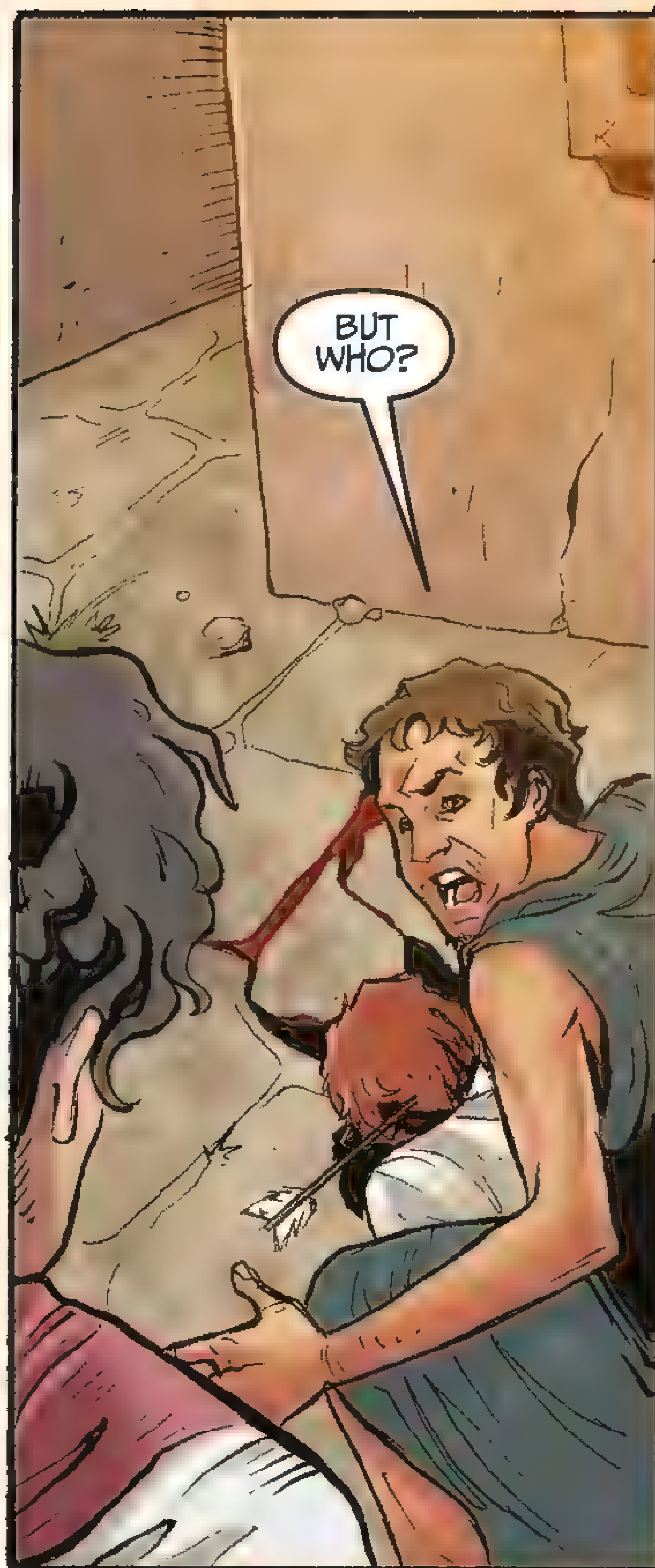


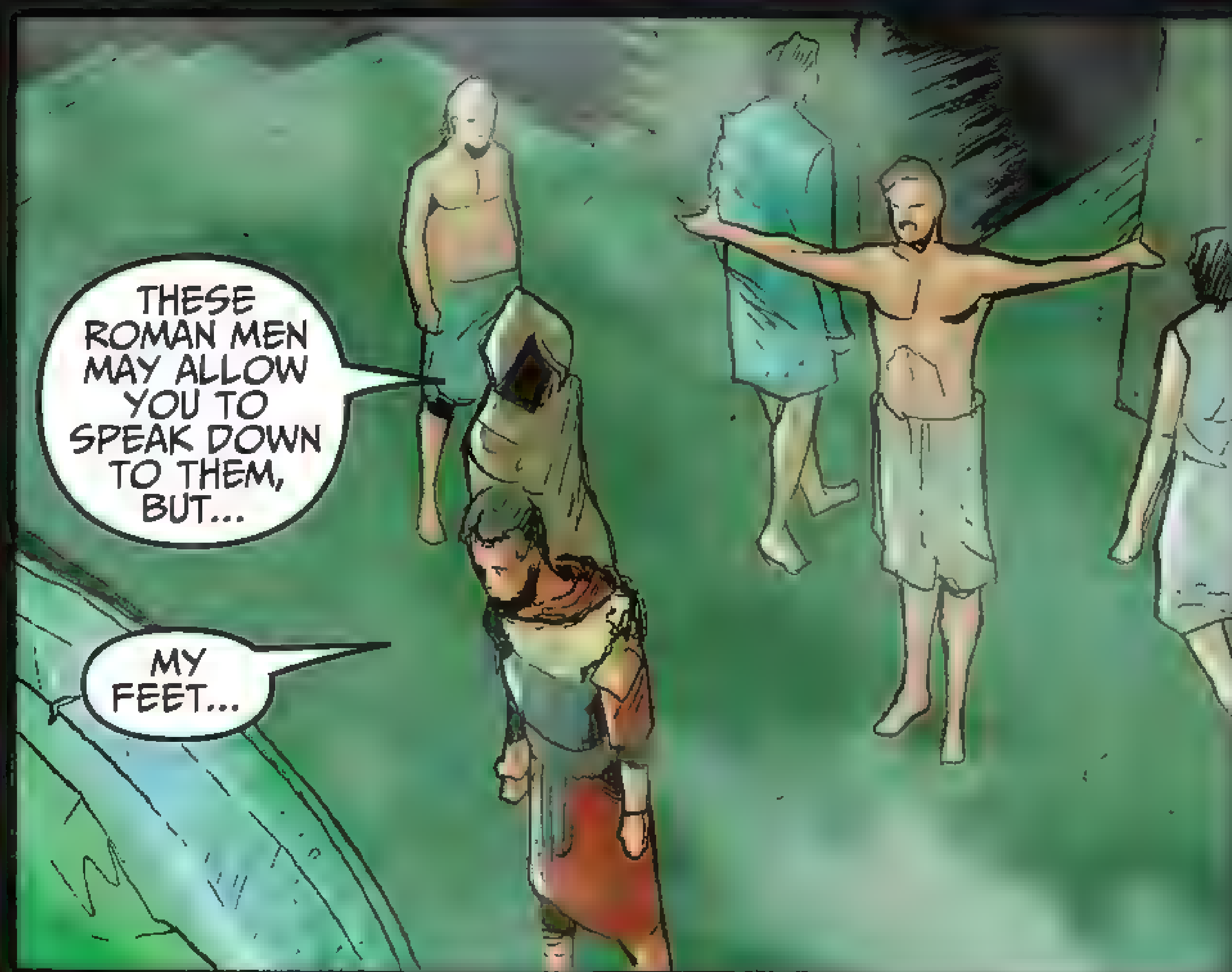
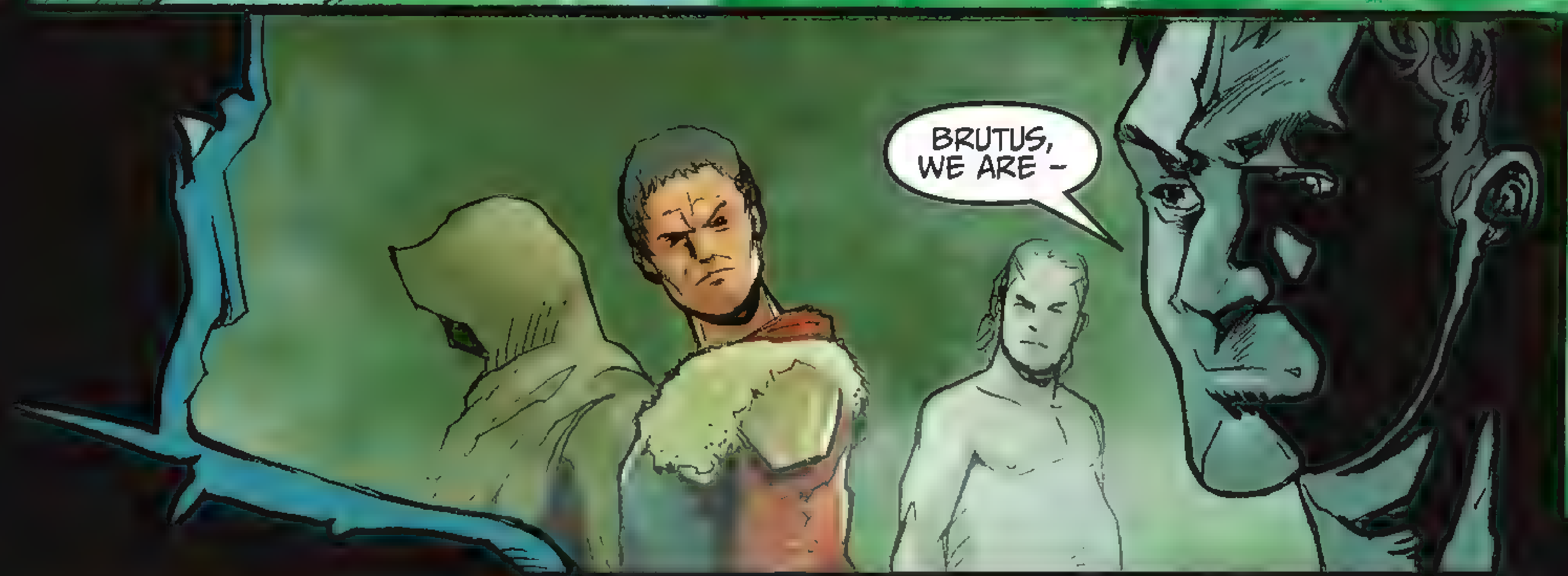
SEE?





WHUMP







YOU LAUGH?

YOU ARE RIGHT. I TREATED YOU WRONG.

I LAUGH BECAUSE... YOU REMIND ME OF MYSELF.

AND I TOO DID NOT LIKE DIRECTION.



THE MAN THAT SERVED AS MY GUIDE? CAESAR.

HE WAS A GOOD MAN AND TAUGHT ME MANY THINGS.

THE BIGGEST BEING THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD COME BEFORE THE STATE.



IT TEARS ME APART THAT CAESAR HAS FORGOTTEN THIS, HAS BECOME MAD FOR POWER.

AND TOGETHER WE ARE ENDING HIS ABUSE.

AYE, WE ARE.



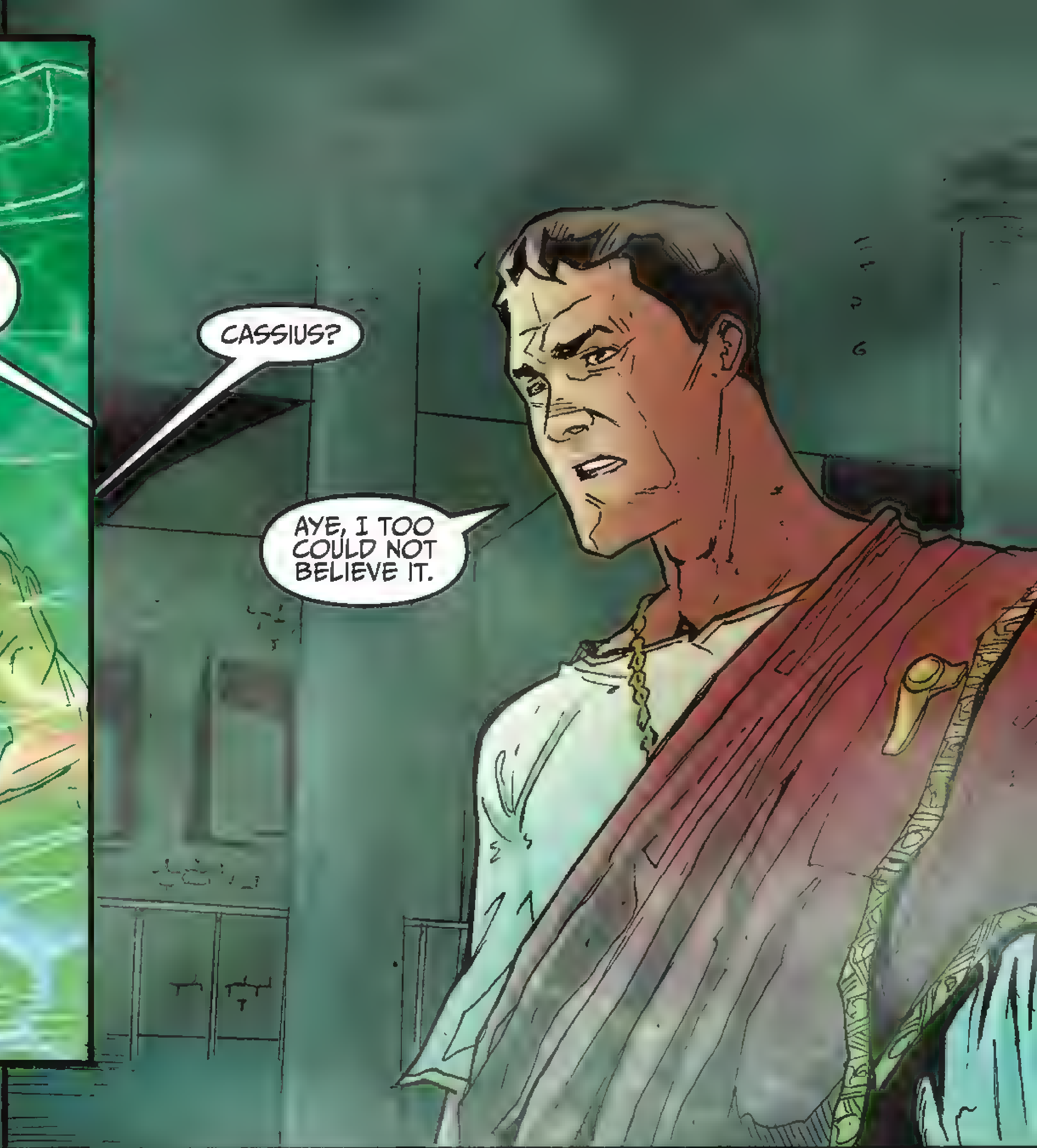
PERHAPS I AM... NERVOUS.

DO NOT BE. WE WILL TOGETHER ENSURE FREEDOM FOR THE ROMAN PEOPLE.

IT DID NOT WORK!



CAESAR WILL NOT RENOUNCE THE TITLE OF DICTATOR.



CASSIUS?

AYE, I TOO COULD NOT BELIEVE IT.



YOUR WARNING DID NOT WORK. I AM TOLD IT HAS SCARED HIS WIFE CALPURNIA, BUT HE...

... HE IS MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER.

IT IS AS I FORESAW.

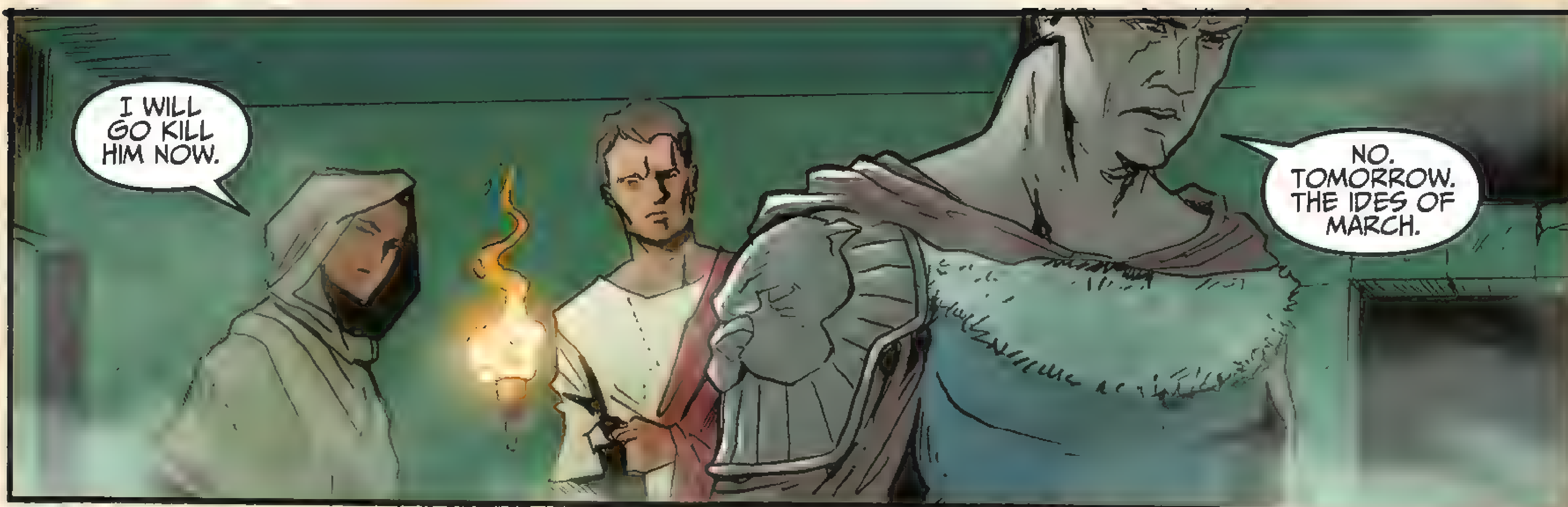


I HAD ANOTHER... VISION LAST NIGHT. ROME WAS IN FLAMES.

I FEAR THEY ARE BECOMING... PROPHECY.

VISIONS? I AM NOT SURE IF -

THEY - AND CAESAR'S ACTIONS - CONFIRM CAESAR MUST DIE.

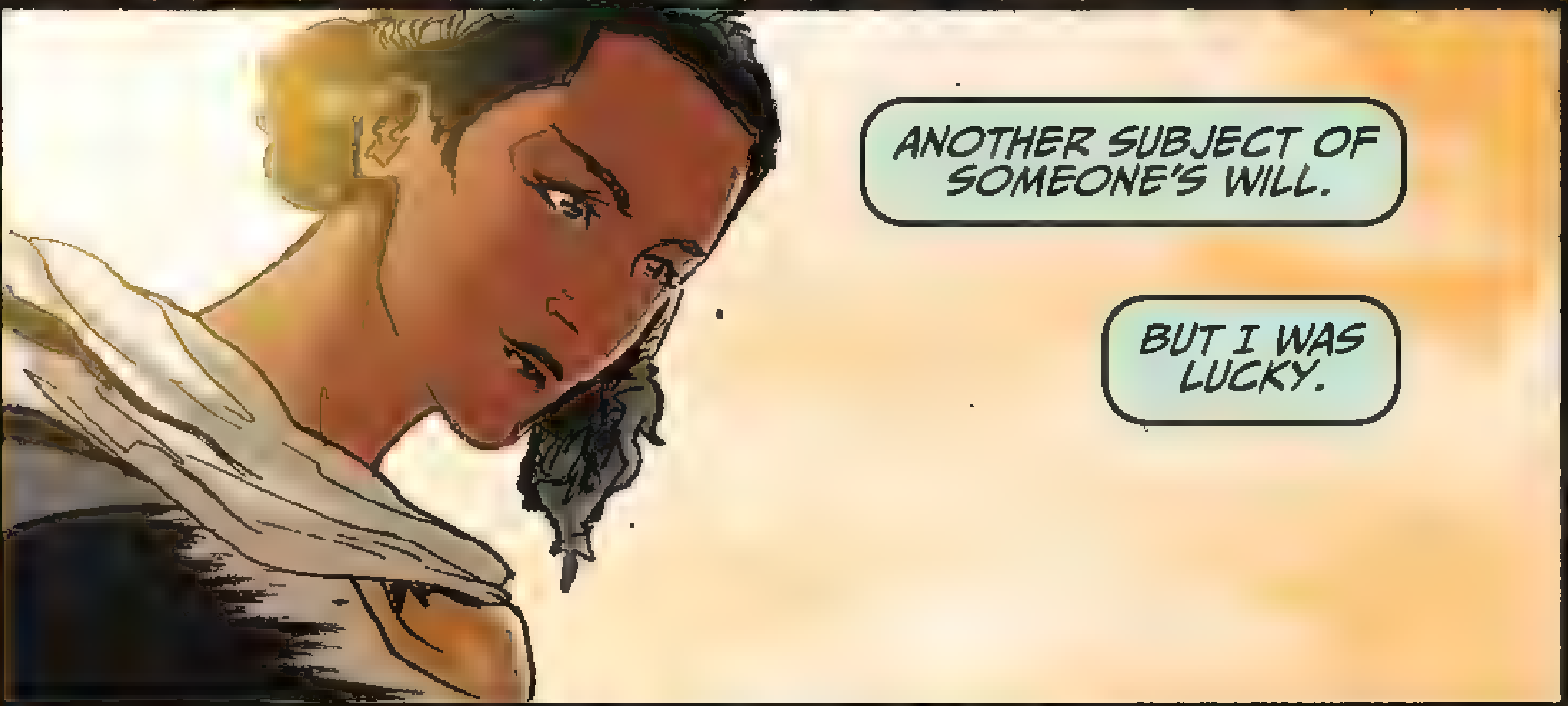




WOMEN
AND SLAVES.

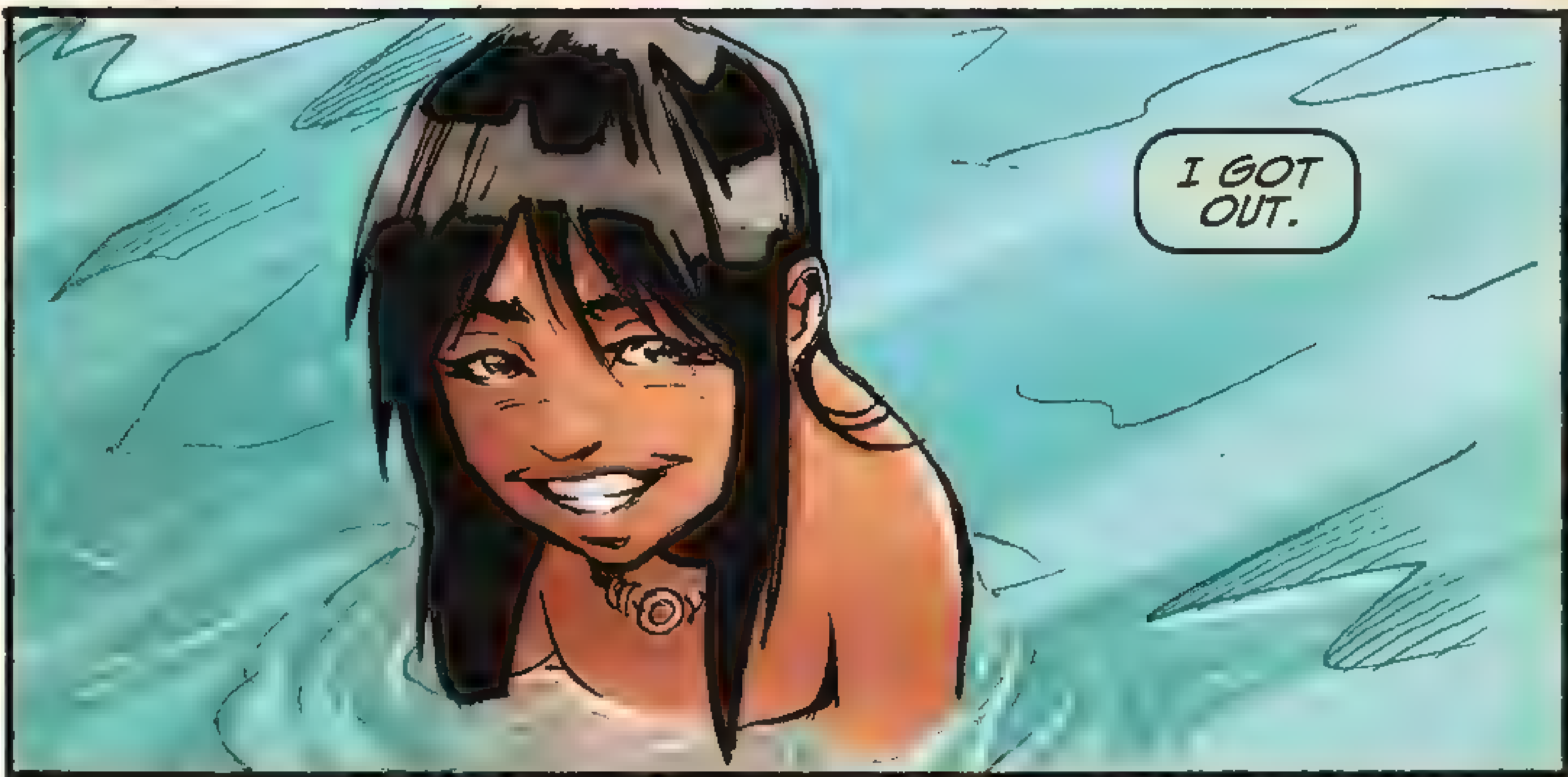


THIS COULD
HAVE BEEN
MY LIFE.



ANOTHER SUBJECT OF
SOMEONE'S WILL.

BUT I WAS
LUCKY.



I GOT
OUT.



I SACRIFICED SO
MUCH TO GET HERE.



FOR WHAT?



I MISS ALEXANDRIA.



BUT I MUST HELP ROME.



BUT IS BRUTUS'S APPROACH RIGHT?



CRACK

WHUMP



I AM CAESAR!

I AM YOUR GOD!



WHUMP

BOW DOWN TO ME!



THESE ARE VIOLENT TIMES, ARE THEY NOT?



THANKFULLY,
YOU ARE A WOMAN
THAT KNOWS
VIOLENCE.

I KNOW MANY
THINGS, BUT I
DO NOT KNOW
YOU.

MY APOLOGIES.
I AM MARK ANTONY,
LIEUTENANT OF THE
GREAT CAESAR.



I
BELIEVE
WE HAVE A
MUTUAL
FRIEND.

THE EGYPTIAN
PHAROAH HERSELF,
CLEOPATRA.

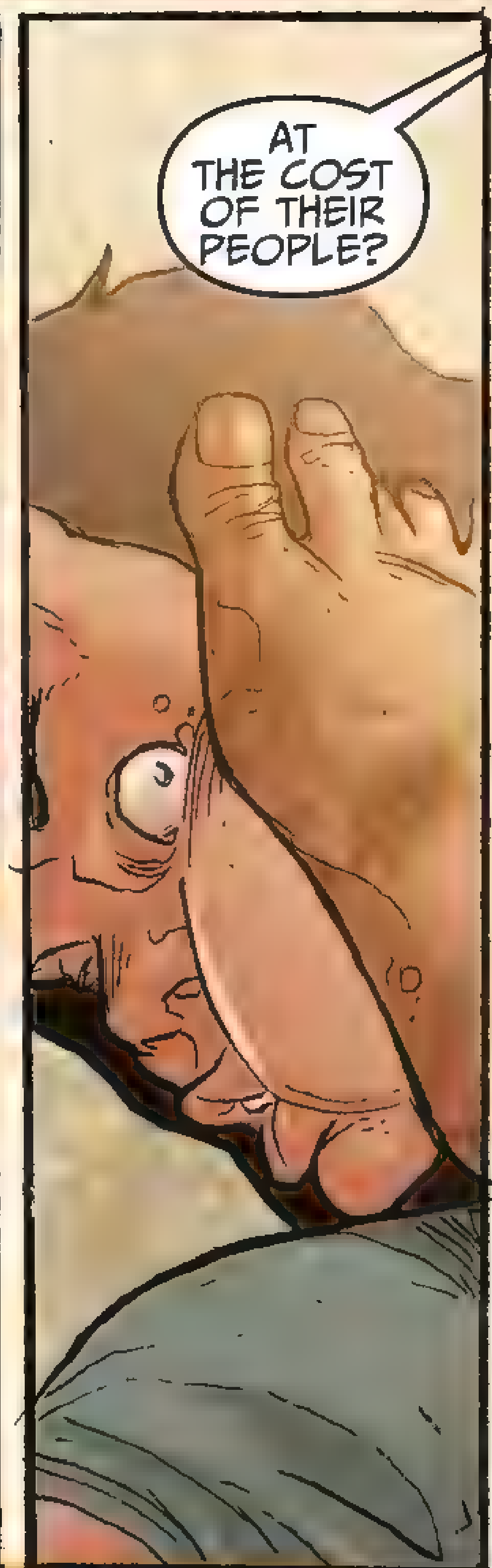


YOU ARE
MISTAKEN. I AM
NOT WHO YOU
THINK -

SHE HOLDS
YOU IN HIGH
REGARD.

I HAVE HEARD
SHE HOLDS ONLY
HERSELF IN HIGH
REGARD. LIKE MANY
LEADERS.

LEADERS
MUST DO WHAT
IT TAKES TO ALLOW
THEIR PEOPLE TO
SURVIVE.



AT
THE COST
OF THEIR
PEOPLE?



THEN WHAT
SORT OF LEADER
ARE THEY?

ROME IS
BROKEN.

WE MUST ACT
NOW, BEFORE WE
ARE STOPPED.

CAESAR MUST DIE IN
THE SENATE, JUST AS
BRUTUS SUGGESTED.

The Ides of March.

AND HIS DEATH
MUST SEND A
MESSAGE.

MY LORD,
PLEASE DO
NOT GO.

THAT IS
NONSENSE,
CALPURNIA.
FEAR IS
WEAKNESS.

I COULD
DO IT HERE.

I COULD KILL
HIM NOW.

I AM
CAESAR.

NO ONE
CAN STOP
ME.

WHAT OF
CLEOPATRA?

COULD SHE
STOP YOU? SHE
CERTAINLY STOPPED
YOUR HEART.

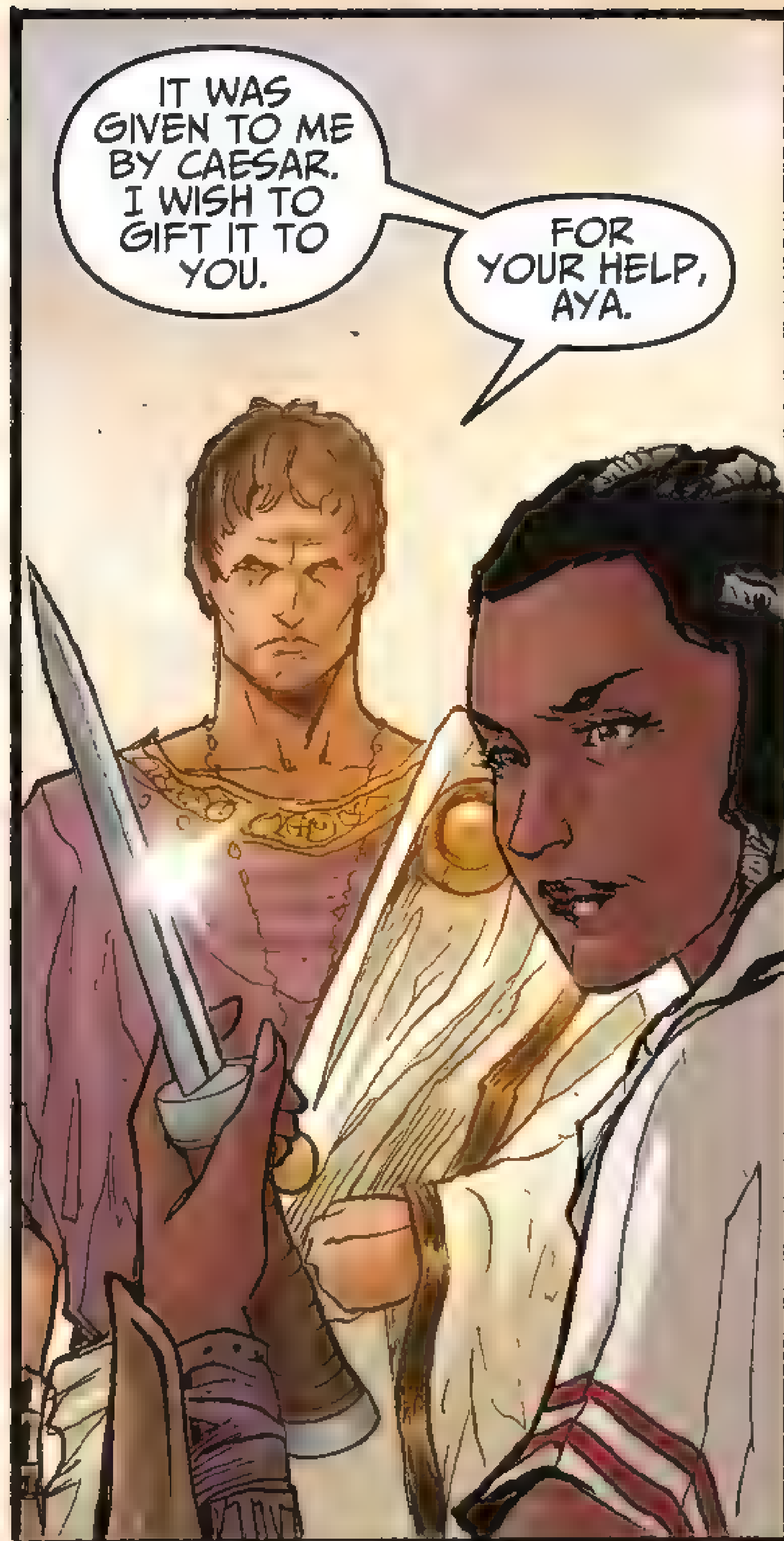
I ANSWER
NOT TO HER,
OR YOU...

... OR
ANYONE.

BUT ALL MUST
SEE WHAT HAPPENS
TO DICTATORS.



THIS IS
FOR YOU,
AYA.



IT WAS
GIVEN TO ME
BY CAESAR.
I WISH TO
GIFT IT TO
YOU.

FOR
YOUR HELP,
AYA.



WHY,
BRUTUS?

HE
MUST BE
STOPPED.

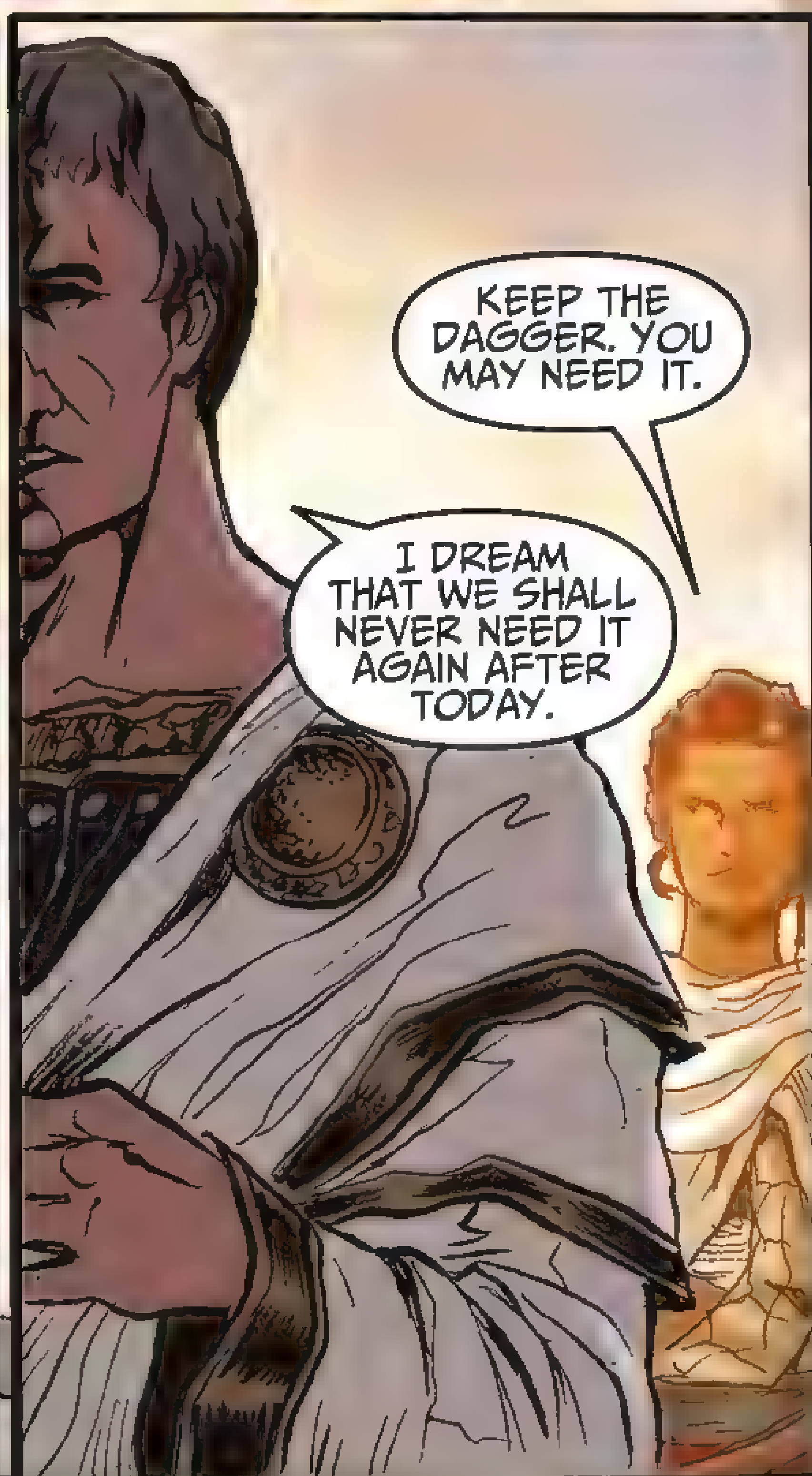
NO. WHY
ME?

YOU ARE
DESTINED FOR
GREAT THINGS.



CAESAR
ARRIVES!

I MUST
GO. HE HAS
ARRIVED.



KEEP THE
DAGGER. YOU
MAY NEED IT.

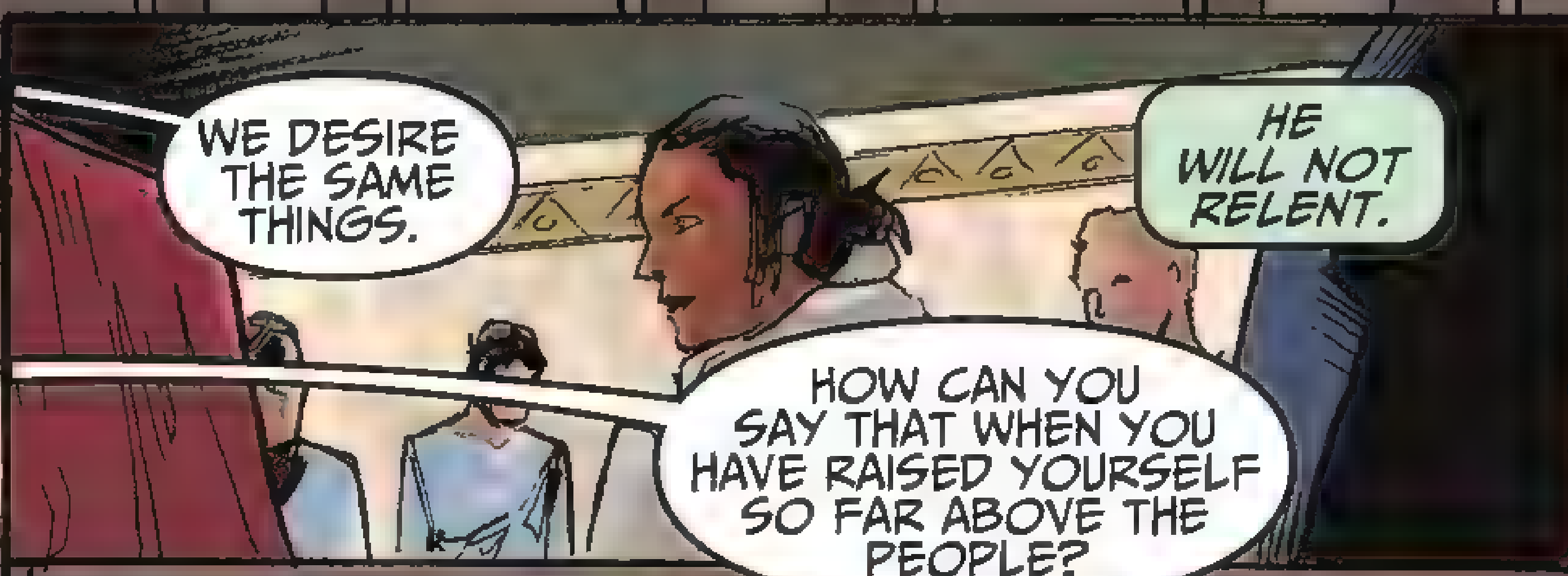
I DREAM
THAT WE SHALL
NEVER NEED IT
AGAIN AFTER
TODAY.





ROME WILL NOT BE A MONARCHY AGAIN.

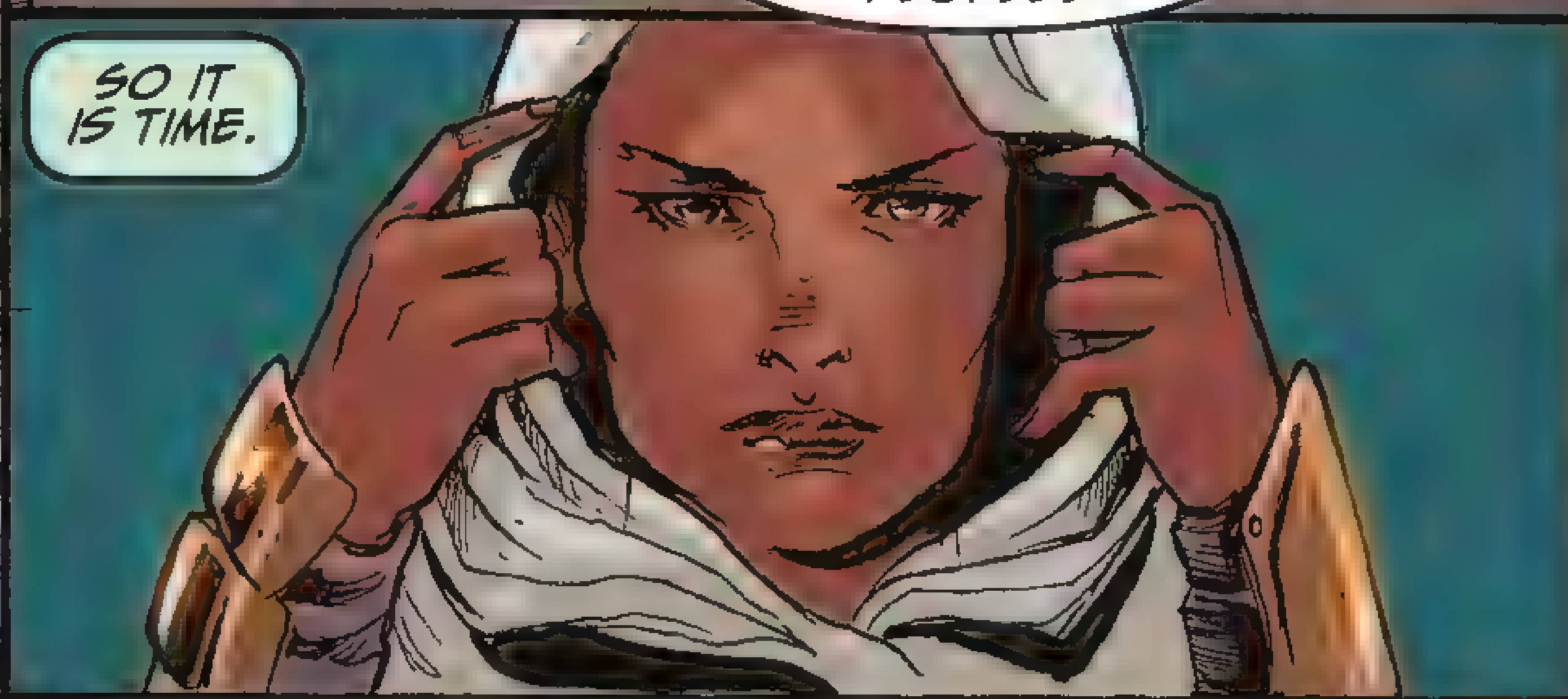
IT SEEMS BRUTUS WOULD START A REVOLUTION.



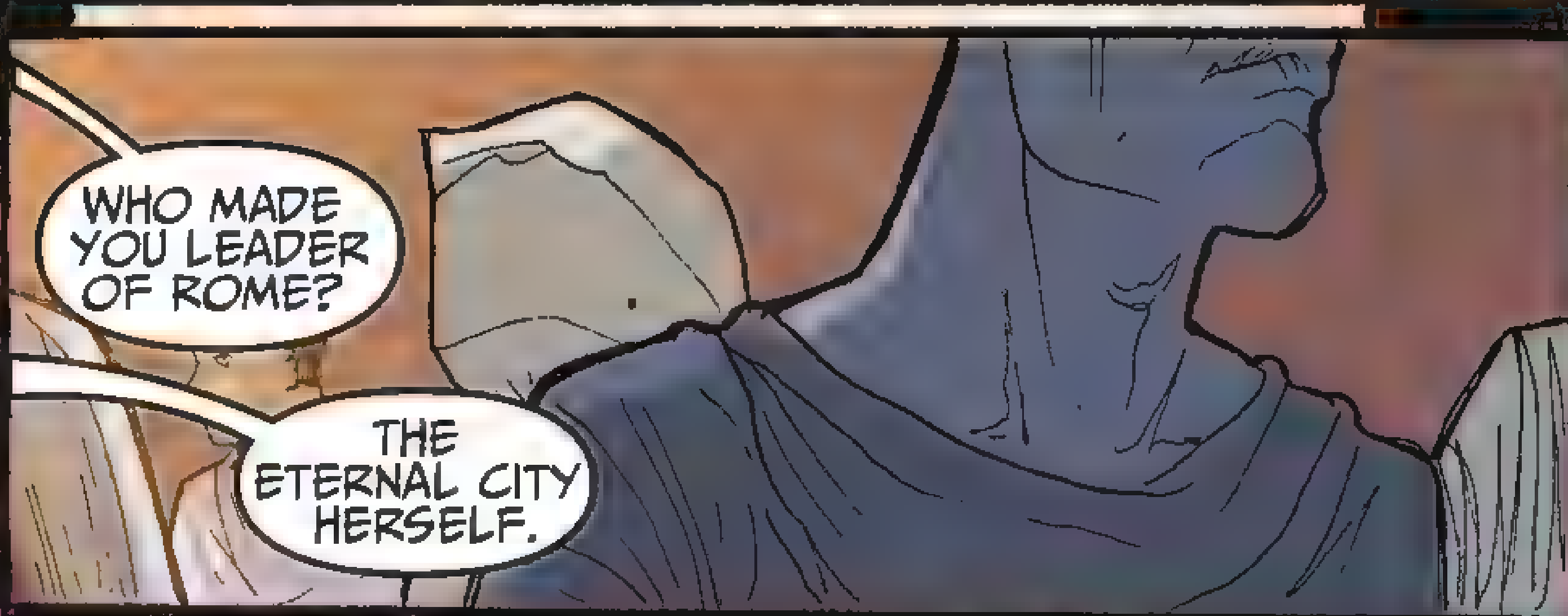
WE DESIRE THE SAME THINGS.

HE WILL NOT RELENT.

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT WHEN YOU HAVE RAISED YOURSELF SO FAR ABOVE THE PEOPLE?

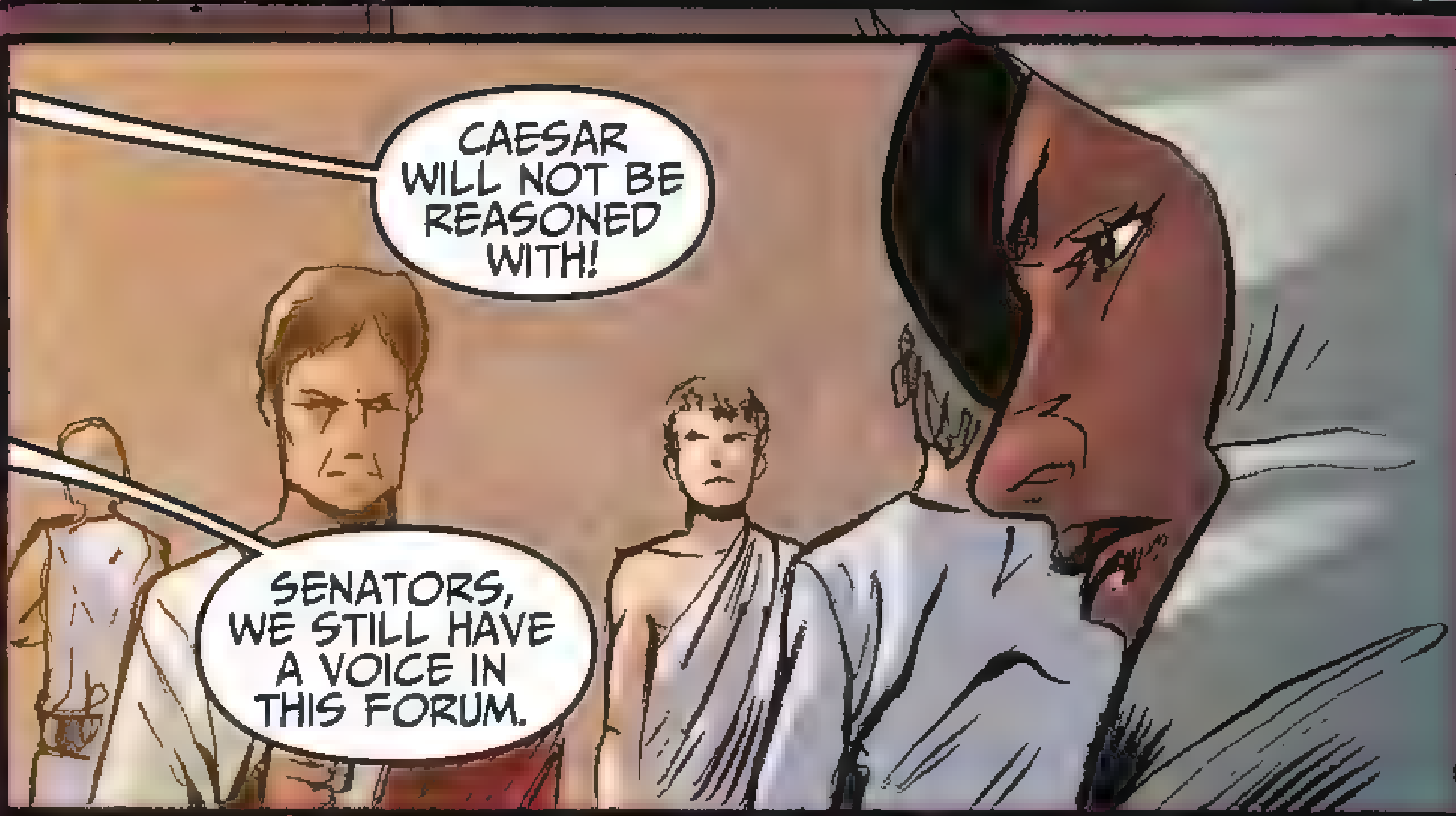


SO IT IS TIME.



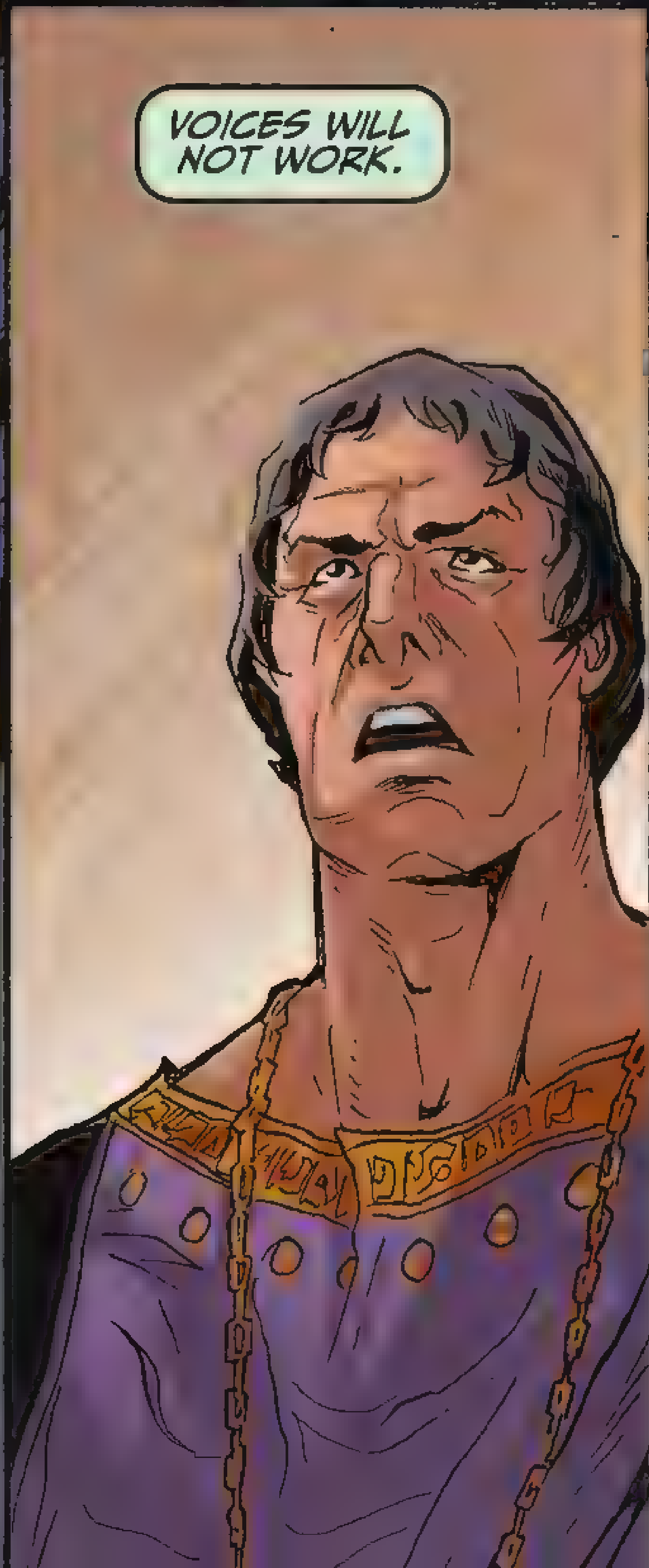
WHO MADE YOU LEADER OF ROME?

THE ETERNAL CITY HERSELF.



CAESAR WILL NOT BE REASONED WITH!

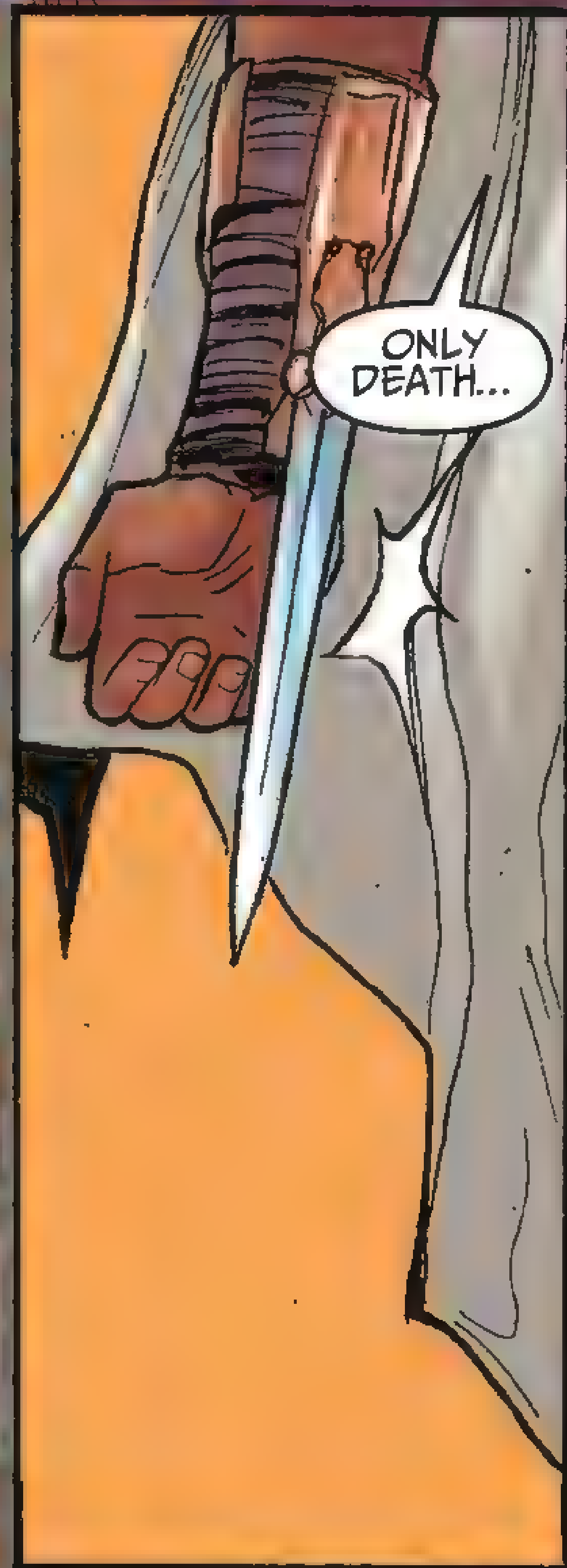
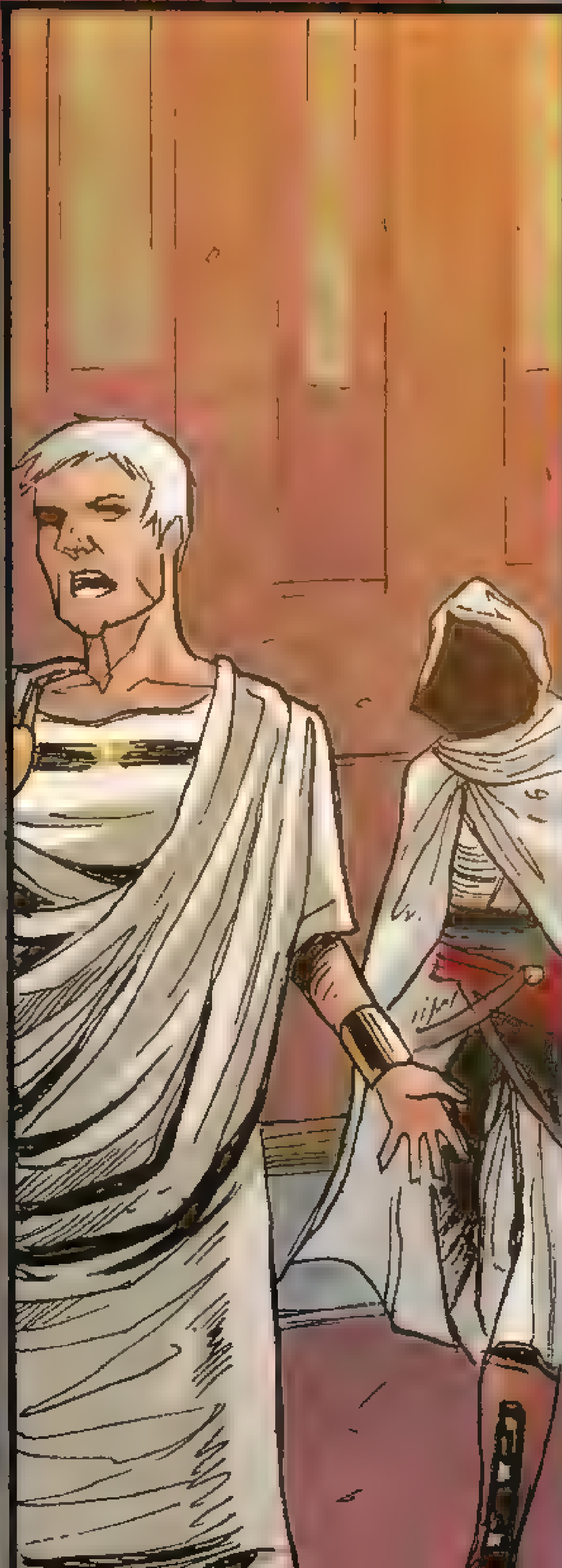
SENATORS, WE STILL HAVE A VOICE IN THIS FORUM.



VOICES WILL NOT WORK.



RULES WILL NOT WORK.

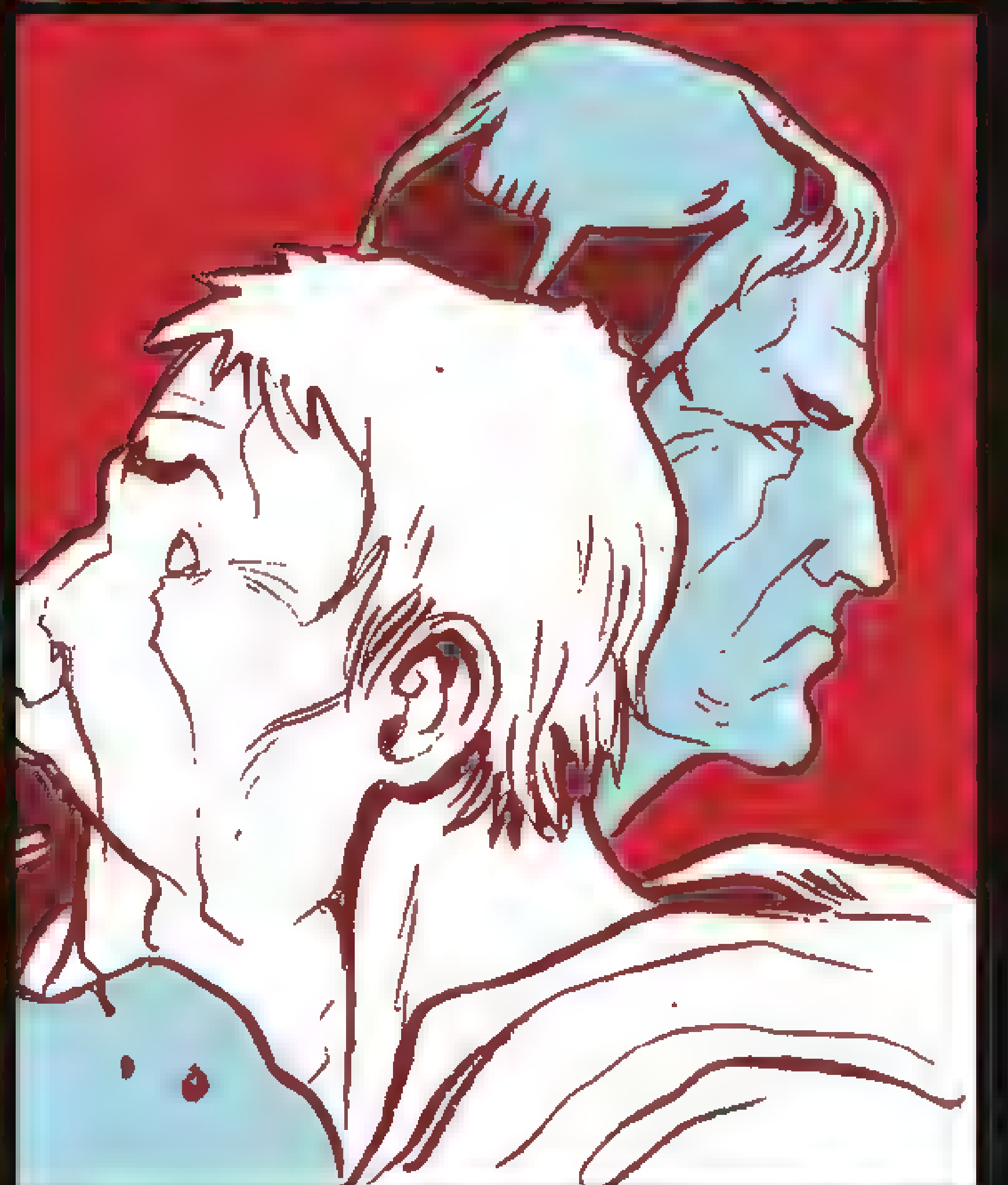
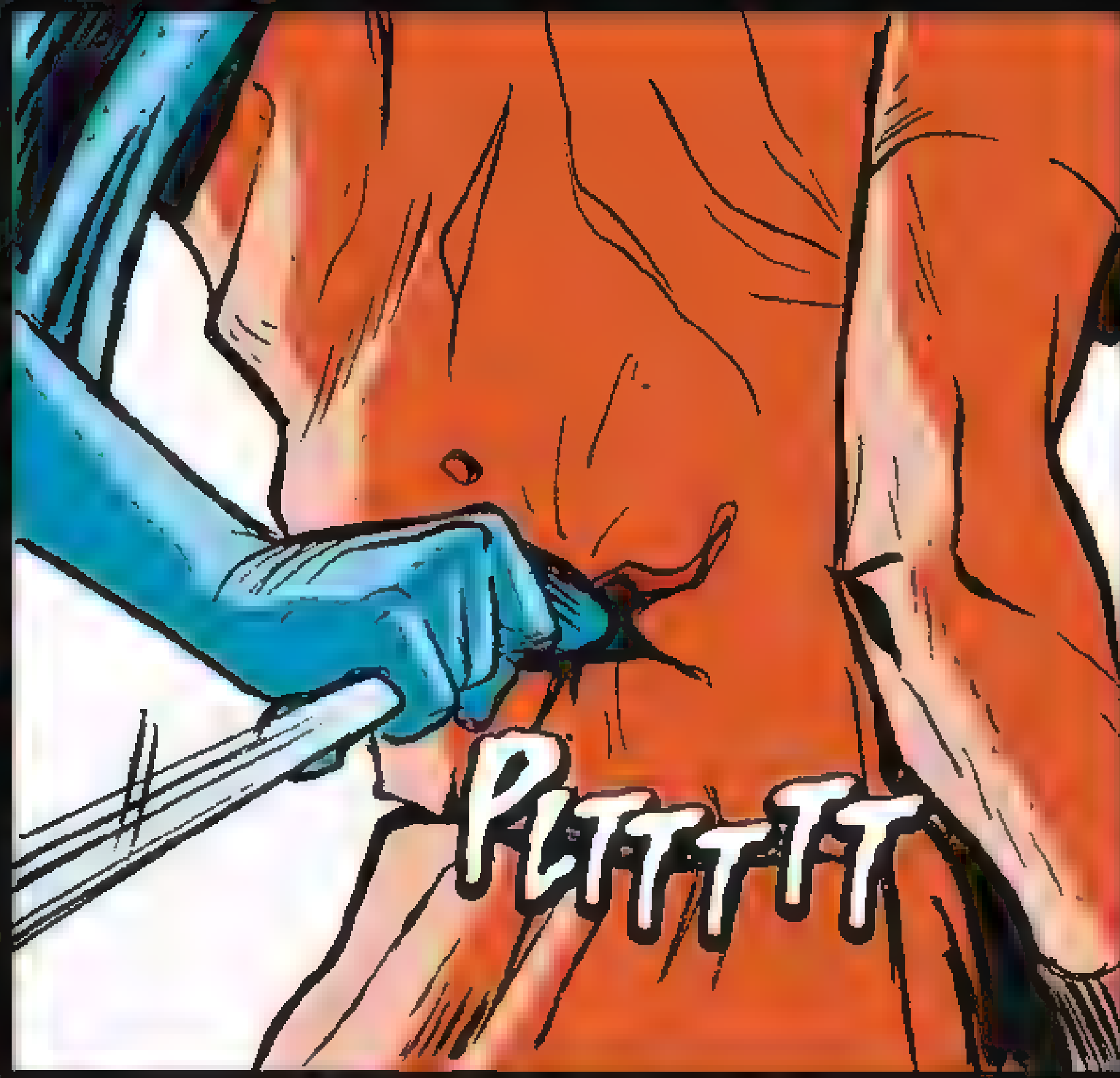


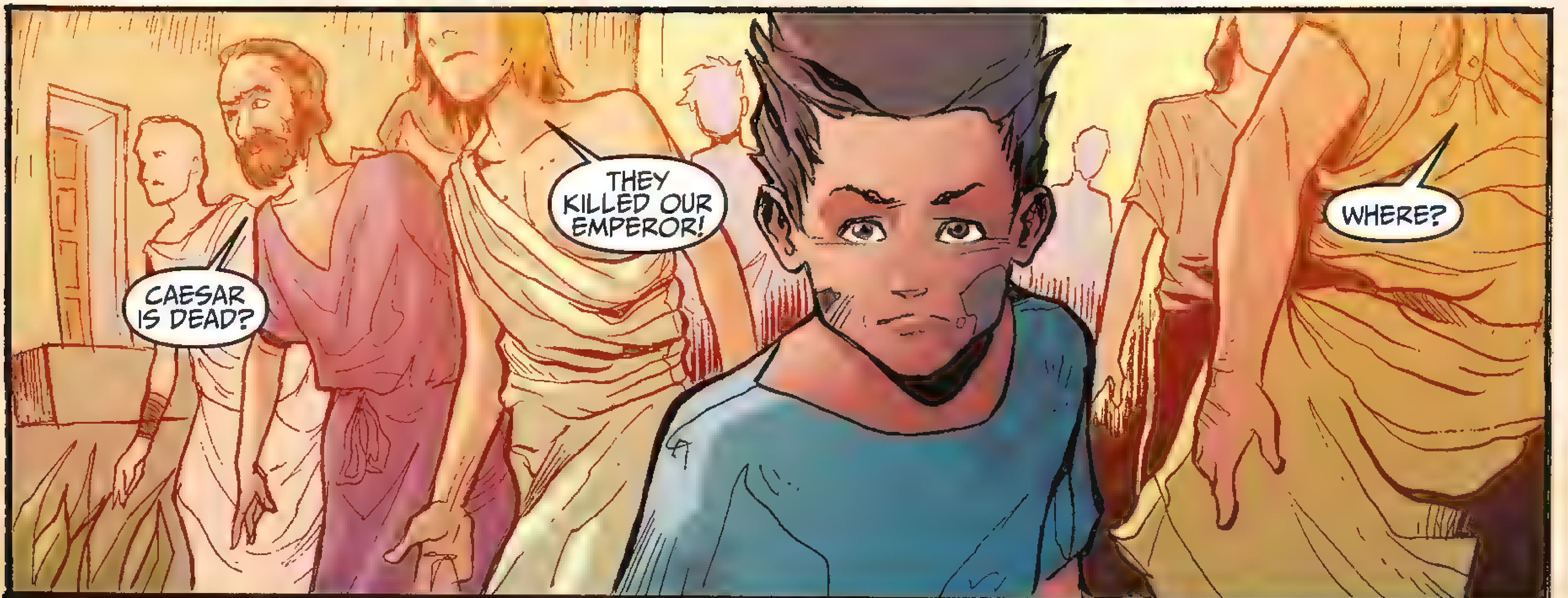
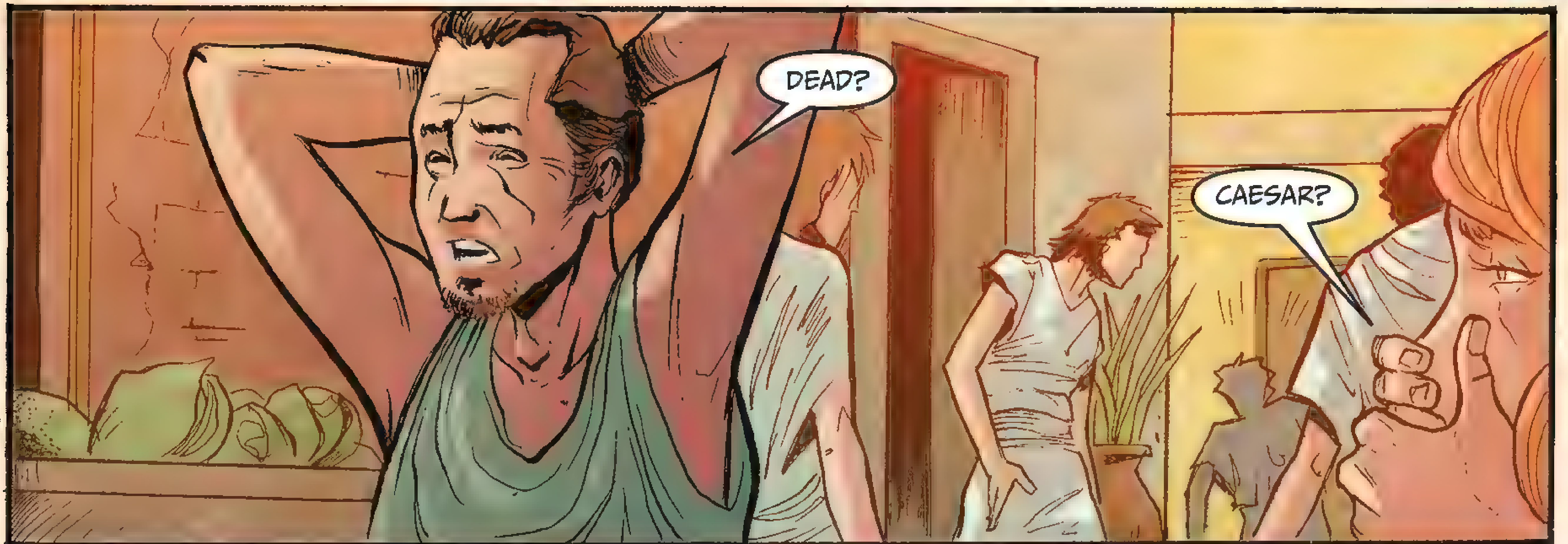
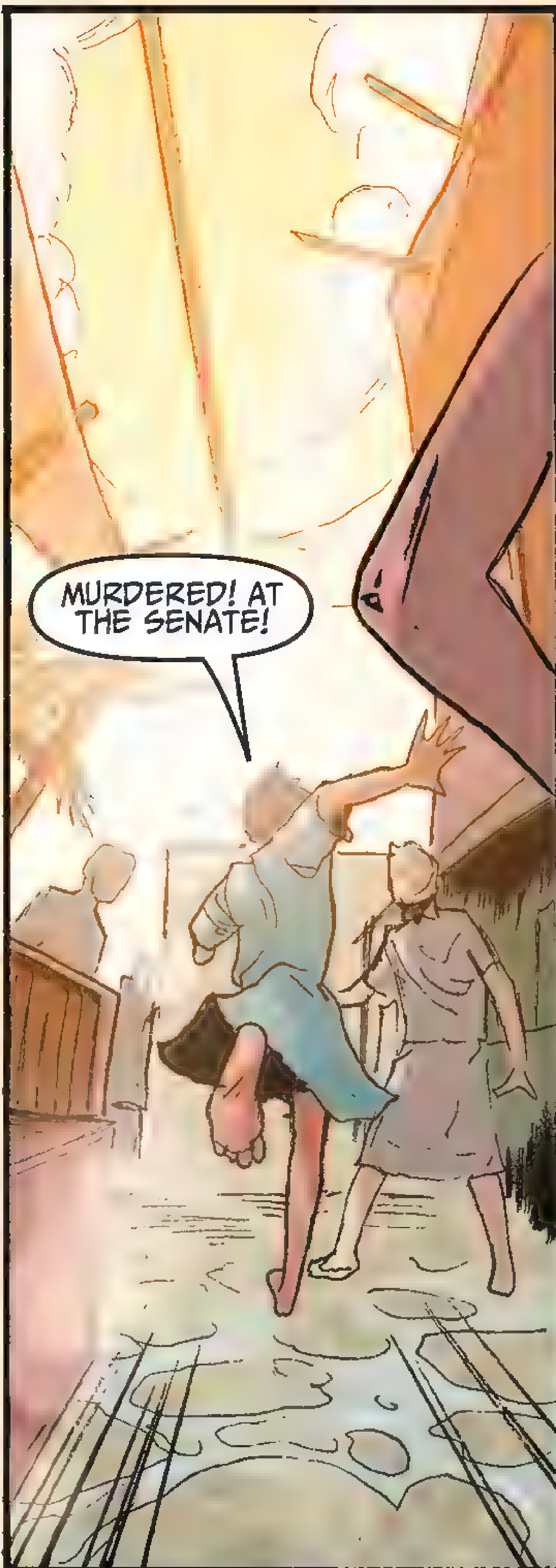
ONLY DEATH...

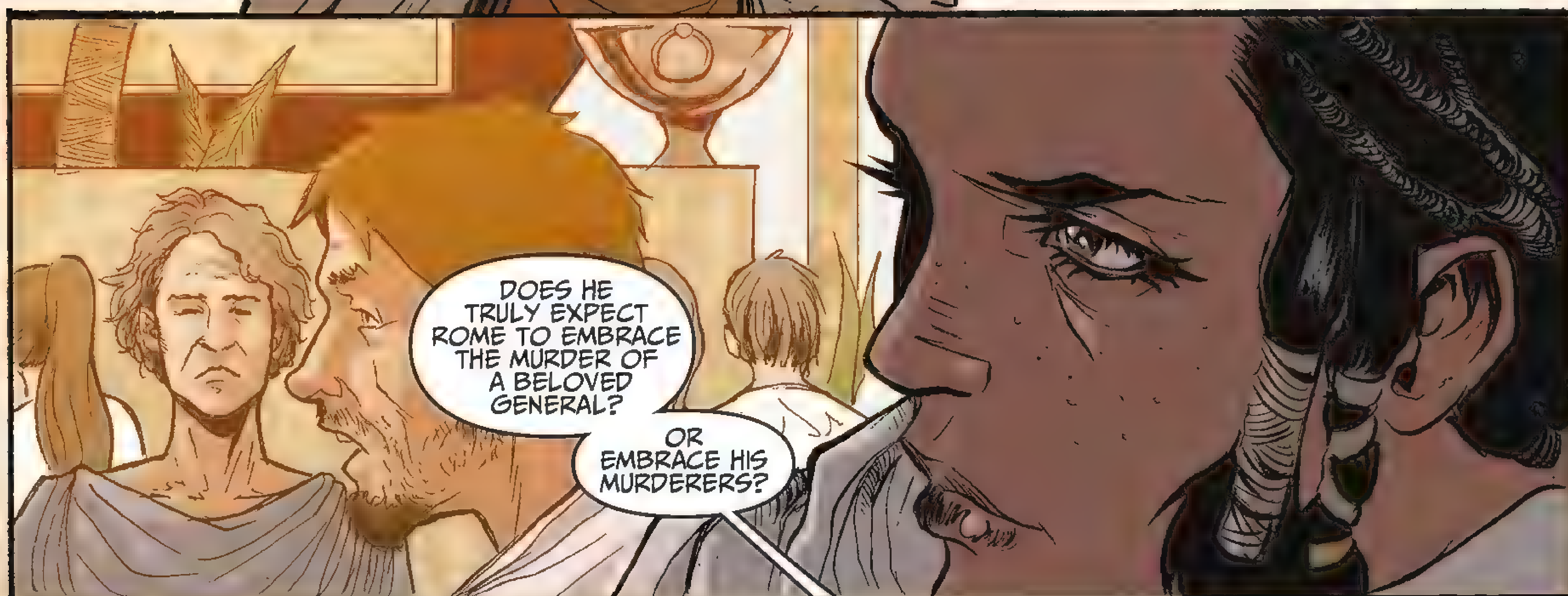
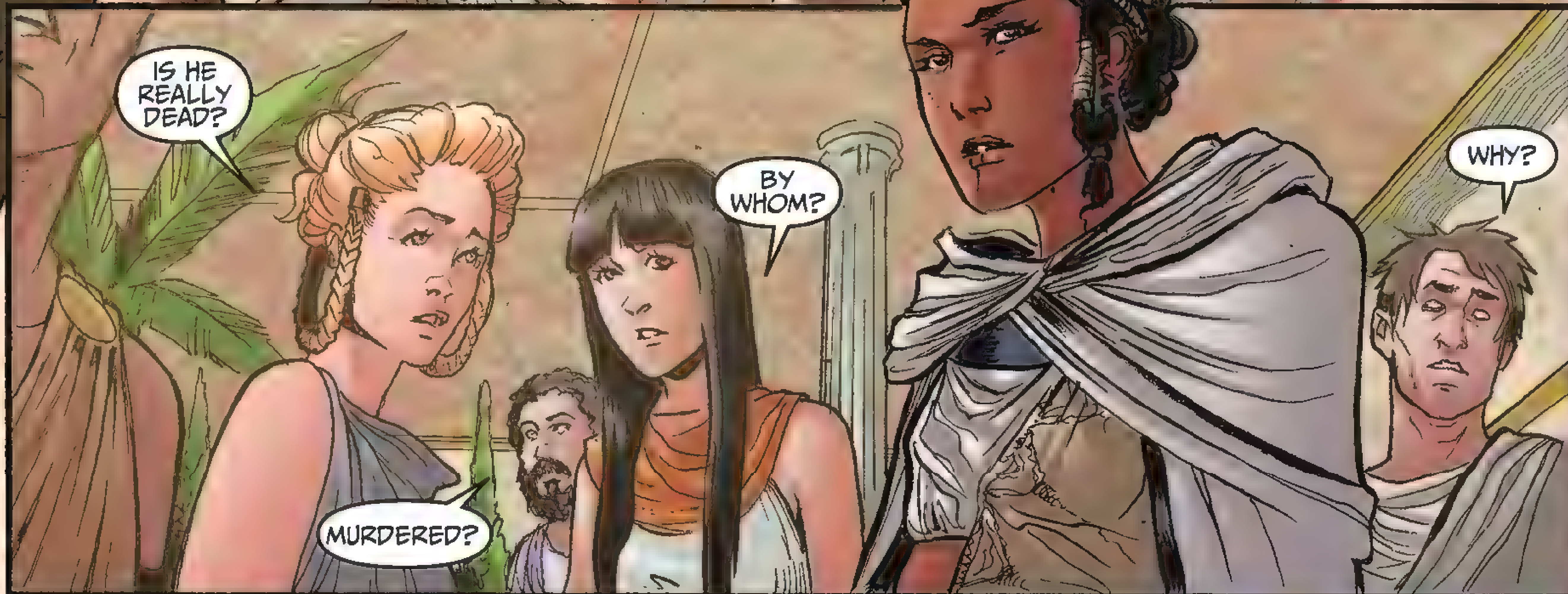


DEATH TO TYRANTS.

Puff!







YOU ARE
FREE NOW!
THE TYRANT
IS DEAD!

BRUTUS
HAS ERRED.
THIS WILL NOT
END WELL.

HIS DAYS
ARE NUMBERED.
AS ARE THOSE
WHO COLLUDED
WITH HIM.

MARK
ANTONY IS
CORRECT.

WE HAVE NOT
SAVED ROME. WE
HAVE MADE IT
WORSE.

AND SOON
WE WILL BE
THE HUNTED.

TO BE
CONTINUED...

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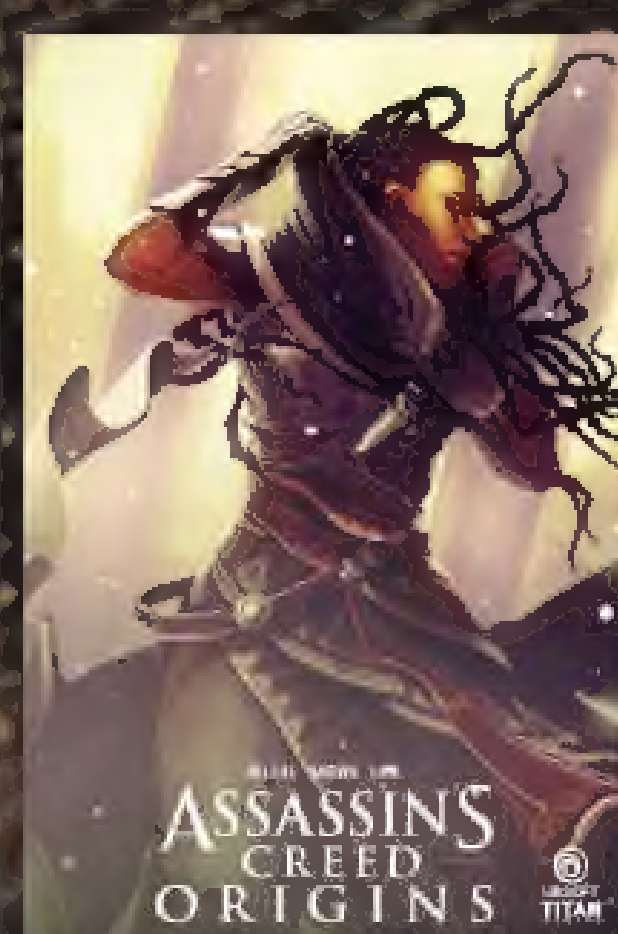
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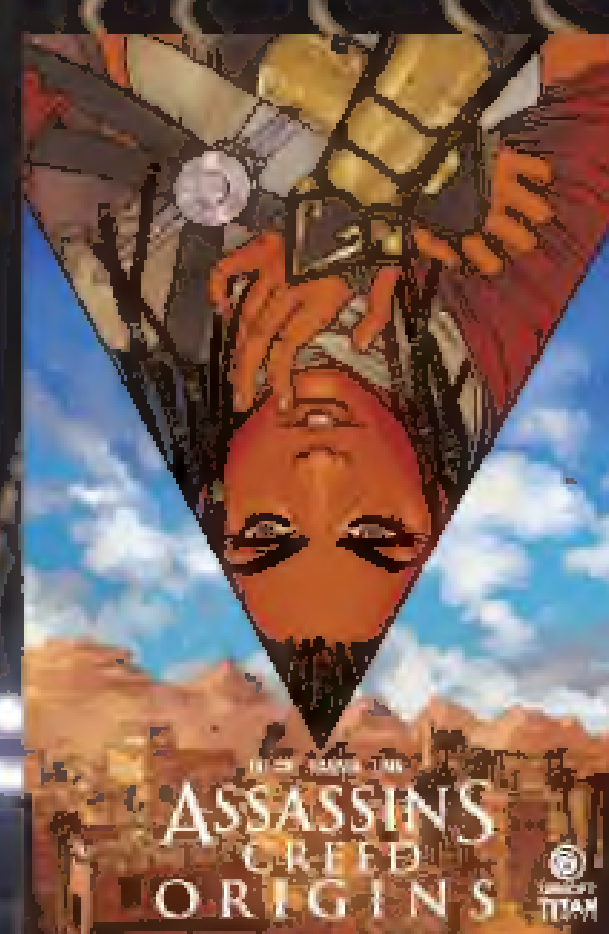
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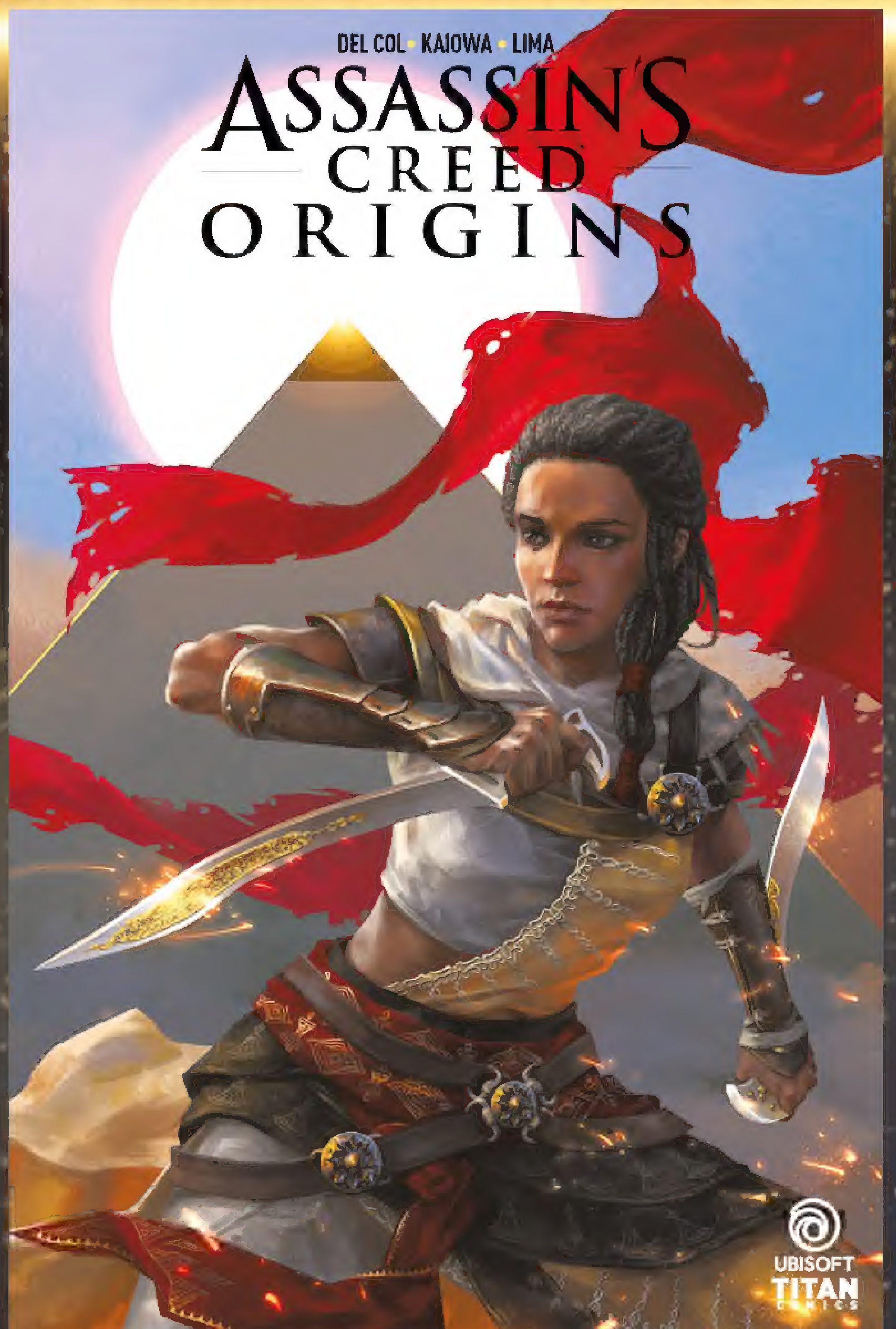
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A LETTER FROM WRITER ANTHONY DEL COL

“Not that I loved Caesar less, but that I loved Rome more.”

Friends, Romans, Countrymen,

(Sorry, I couldn't resist...)

Thanks so much for reading this first issue of the *Origins* comic mini-series! I hope you enjoyed it (I imagine you have if you've made it to this page in the issue) as much as I enjoyed writing it. Myself and the entire team – PJ, Dijjo, Joe, Tom, Ann, Anouk – enjoyed going through every single panel to bring this story to life.

When Titan Comics and Ubisoft approached me to ask if I'd be interested, I immediately jumped at the opportunity. I'm a big fan of *Origins* so the opportunity to continue Aya's adventures really appealed to me. I loved her arc in the game but really wanted to know more of what happened with her after leaving Egypt.

Secondly, I have a HUGE interest in the historical figures Julius Caesar and Cleopatra. These are two larger-than-life individuals who changed the face of their nations – and the world – for generations. Centuries later, we still talk about them. Why? Because over the years we've learned not only what made them successful, but also what brought them down. They weren't perfect. They were human beings. And as a storyteller, that's what makes them interesting to write for.

My fellow Assassins, I'd love to hear from you. What are you enjoying thus far, and what would you like to see more of? I love interacting with fans so please feel free to reach out to me and let us know!

Thanks so much!

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